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TWO CENTS.

# U. S. ATTORNEY BLAMES **FAULTY CONSTRUCTION** FOR THEATER CAVE-IN

Indications Point to BUILDERS LIST SIX **Causes Other Than** Snowfall.

RIGID TESTS URGED FOR D. C. BUILDINGS

#### Officials and Experts Continue Thorough Investigation of Ruins.

Outstanding developments today in the various investigations going forward to determine the cause of the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater

United States Attorney Gordon declared he is inclined to agree with Senator Capper that the cause of the Knickerbocker disaster will be found in faulty construction of the building, especially the roof.

Senator Capper proposed rigid tests Senator Capper proposed rigid tests for all buildings where public assemblies are held before the public is allowed to use them.

District government authorities and the building inspector are convinced that something other than the heavy snow was to blame for the roof col-

#### Material Declared Faulty.

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"Construction materfal in the fallen roof was faulty." this is the opinion reached by a party of congressmen and building experts, Representative William D. Upshaw of Georgia said.

Coroner Nevitt proposes first to call witnesses as to the actual collapse of the innuest in the District building Tuesday morning, then to the constant the proposition of responsibility.

Services of the Washington branch of the American Institute of Architects were tendered to Commissioner Keller, who advised the appointment of a committee of three to study the ruins. Frank Upman, president of the local branch, is to appoint the committee later today.

A committee of five of the American Association of Engineers is making a study of the theater ruins.

Sees Faulty Construction.

#### Sees Faulty Construction.

United States Attorney Gordon today declared that he is inclined to agree with Senator Capper that the cause of the Knickerbocker disaster will be found to be in faulty construction of the building, especially of the roof. In some places it can be seen, he said, that the heavy iron beams supporting the roof rested on unfastened thin steel plates placed upon terra cotta tiles set on end, and he terra cotta tiles set on end, and he believes that one of these beams, slipping from its insecure mooring, probably dragged the entire roof with it. From his inspection of the ruins, the prosecutor said he is of opinion that the beam directly over the orchestra pit was the first to slip. Where the blame for the "faulty construction" would lie, Maj. Gordon said, is for the temporal with the construction would lie, Maj. Gordon said, is for the temporal with the construction is not for me to say and I'm not extend that one of these heams, slipping from its insecure mooring, probably—the old school, and I know when support is needed to keep buildings together. "Possibly—probably—the plans of the engineer putting up the Knicker-bocker Theater were all right. That is not fine dat 7:30 o'clock this morning at Emergency Hospital of the deat covers."

"I am not an engineer, but I'm at Emergency Hospital of the deat covers."

"Possibly—probably—the plans of the covers."

"Possibly—probably—the plans of the crushing blow. The temporal with the crushing the crushing blow and the crushing the crushing the crushing th

The inquiry by the grand jury, he stated, will be painstaking and thorough. The grand jurors will drop all other matters and will give their enother matters and will give their en-tire attention to a review of the evi-dence relating to the disaster. The prosecutor was unable to state just when he expected to be able to begin the presentation of testimony to the builders of the city on the Knickerbocker crash:

Maj. Gordon spent two hours last
evening in conference with the engineers from the Army and Navy. He
went over with them the architect's
plans for the building, and there was a
general discussion of the building, and there was a
general discussion of the city on the Knickerbocker crash:

"Referring to the cause of the
Knickerbocker Theater roof collapsing, the writer would call your attention to
the photograph shown on page 2 of
The Star of January 21

endeavored to reach a decision as to where the roof first broke loose and to determine wherein the construction of the building was faulty.

The engineers did not express any The engineers did not express any Looks like faulty design.

The colorado guid herause looks like faulty design.

Your photograph will show that this bert Work, first assistant postmaster tile has apparently crushed under the load at certain points, particularly at general, and president of the American apoint on the illustration about two inches above lower marginal line. This Colorado for the purpose; Dr. Sawyer, conclusion, Maj. Gordon said, because they had not completed their investigaon. Their reports are expected short-however, he declared. Martin McQuade, foreman of the grand jury, stated today that no sam-

ples of the concrete taken from the Knickerbocker building had been presented to the grand jury Rigid Tests Urged.

# Rigid tests should be applied to all buildings where public assemblies are held before the public is allowed to use them. said Senator Capper. He

to use them, said Senator Capper. He added that while plans and specifications are made, to insure good construction, and engineering problems are known to the point where strains can be determined, there was always the question as to whether the contractor carried out all of the requirements. ments.

Engineering has reached such a point, he said, where practical tests could be applied to large buildings as well as small, to determine whether they were of property strength to hold the weight to which they would be subjected. He believes that the building department of the District

"Every one knows that building contractors these days can con-tinually skimp on material and con-struction, and do only just so much as they have to, in order to 'get by'

the building code," the senator said.
"The building code of the District should be rigidly examined by experts to determine whether it is strong enough to meet present-day building conditions."

Senator Capper said that there seemed to be a general panicky scramble of architects, builders, building inspectors, and even the theater manager themselves, to clear themselves of any blame for the dissector. He characterized the state seemed to be a general panicky scramble of architects, builders, building inspectors, and even the theater manager themselves, to clear themselves of any blame for the disaster. He characterized the statement of Harry Crandall, which was 10, the effect that his responsibility ceased when the building was turned over to him, as viewing the asserted that Mr. Crandall, as operator of the Knickerbocker, should have satisfied himself at all times that the building was a safe place to invite the public. Senator Capper said that as he held out for the public won Halsey his present position of business, it is his duty to see that he has a perfectly safe building to hold them.

Senator Capper made another visit

(Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Now Wins a Bride.

NEWARK, N. J., February 2.

Samuel Armstrong Halsey, who scored "double A" on the famous Edison questionnaire 2 year ago, has made another perfect record for answering smartly and accurately.

In a ceremony at Trinity Cathedral at twhich Thomas A. Edison's son Charles acted as best man while becoming his brother-in-law, Halsey orally responded "I do" and "I will" to the interrogation of Dean Arthur Durper, and never missed a syllable.

Last year's performance ultimately won Halsey his present position of personnel manager of the Edison works—last night's a life situation as the husband of Miss Charlotte Woodruff Hawkins, whose sister is Mrs. Charles Edison.

NEWARK, N. J., February 2.

Samuel Armstrong Halsey, who scored "double for the time of his death was busily engaged in working upon this problem.

A telegram of condolence was received today from Postmaster General Hays, who yesterday left Washington for Mism, Fia, in an effort to regain his health, which has suffered as the twich Thomas A. Edison's son Charles as best man while becoming his brother-in-law, Halsey orally responded "I do" and "I will" to the interrogation of Dean Arthur Durper, and never missed a syllable.

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Senator Capper mad

# CAUSES FOR CRASH

#### Expert Says \$100 Would Not Have Called Him to Theater Seat.

Six causes are listed as primary fac-tors in the theories of prominent local architects and builders for the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater Saturday night. They are:

Hollow-tile walls without anchorage backbones or upright steel beams, which supported the roof trusses and formed the ultimate support for the weight of the roof and everything

Materials-steel, concrete and othe requisites-which some investigators declare were found 33 per cent lacking in quality and construction. Absence of supporting pillars or uprights of sufficient strength be-

neath the roof and balcony. Lack of the required number o rivets or units—in some cases these investigators reported they found only four being placed where six should have been.

The superimposed weight of many tons on the roof caused by the installation of a huge motor and ventilation system.

The six or seven-inch resting place of the main truss on the hollow tile wall—which, it is believed, bore the weight of the major portion of the roof. tion system.

Would Have Avoided House. There's one expert on big buildings here who worked on the Knickerbocker Theater in the ornamental iron work line, but who previously had been engaged in some of the early large building operations in Washington, who says he could not have been paid to sit through a performance at the Knickerbocker.

formance at the Knickerbocker.

He is William A. Morrison of 1324
30th street—the man who contracted for and put up the Colorado building, one of Washington's first large office buildings, still listed as one of the city's sturdlest structures. He also was the contractor and builder for the first floor of the New National Museum, the marine barracks, the Ontario apartments and a number of other large structures.

Situation Seen as Rad Here.

Shaughnessy's death brings the toll of the crash to ninety-seven.

Death came following paralysis of the upper bowel, which set in last night, being followed by sudden heart collapse about midnight. Mr. Shaughnessy suffered from a fractured pelvis and internal injuries, and had been kept alive only by two transfusions of blood from soldiers

Situation Seen as Bad Here.

Here's what he says about building generally in Washington:
"During the last sixteen or seventeen years quite some few buildings in Washington have not been put up with as much consideration for safety as to get by the building regulations as theaply as possible. The situation now is as bad, or worse, than ever.

the blame for the "faulty construction" bocker Theater were all right. That grand jury to determine, and as soon as he has received the reports from the bureau of standards on the samples of concrete and of the fron work, which he has submitted to it, and has heard from the Army and Navy engineers as to the result of their expert investigations, he will lay before the grand jurors these reports and any other available evidence.

Inquiry to Be Thorough.

The inquiry by the grand jury, he stated, will be painstaking and thorough. The grand jurors will drop all out the first of the paint of the paint of the paints and the trust of the paints and thore and as soon at Arlington conference in session merely for his death were his tather, Thomas is not for me to say and I'm not expressing an opinion one way or another on it. Possibly a six or seven inch hollow tile support for a six or seven ton—I don't know how much inch hollow tile support for a six or seven ton—I don't know how much the trust weighed exactly—is all right. But I did not want to go into the building any more than I could jurors these reports and any other available evidence.

Inquiry to Be Thorough.

Another Explanation.

Another Explanation from a position one way or another explanation one way or another explanation of a six or seven inch hollow tile support for a six or seven inch hollow tile support for a six or seven inch hollow tile support for a six or seven inch hollow tile support for a six or seven inch hollow tile support for a six or seven trust states. The mand that it was not destred to keep the of his death were his tather, Thomas in the first the said, death the road operated under international two sisters, Mrs. Irene Kretchner and that it was not destred to keep the of his death were his tather, Thomas two sisters, Mrs. Irene Kretchner and two sisters, Mrs. Irene Kretchner and two sisters, Mrs. Irene Kretchner and two si

Here's another explanation from a man who was formerly in the hollow tiling or fireproofing business, which is a typical summary of the stand of many of the architects and

looks like faulty design.

"The writer is of the opinion that if the steel trusses rested upon the walls and not upon steel columns or heavy brick pilaster, it would cause such an accident as occurred.

Colorado for the purpose, and the staff the President's physician, and the staff of the Walter Reed Hospital.

President Harding had shown constant concern over Mr. Shaughnessy's content as occurred. accident as occurred.
"Had the trusses been anchored to

#### Would Examine Walls.

He also advises the examination of the terra cotta in the walls before the Post Office Department, April 11, razing as well as an investigation 1921, as second assistant postmaster into the concrete. Other points noted include the pos-

opened the way for a spread when the service. roof buckled.

The start of the collapse, it is believed by members of the investigating committee of the American Association of Engineers, according to a statement of a member of that combe subjected. He believes that the building department of the District should have applied some very stringent tests to the Knickerbocker Theater. If this had been done, the catastrophe would never had happened, he believes.

Declares Contractors "Skimp."

Declares Contractors "Skimp." debris. The downward crash of the fan and motor, with the portion of the roof immediately beneath them, it is thought, pulled the center or main truss off the plumbline and the main truss off the plumbline and the rest of the upper structure followed.

## GIVES CORRECT REPLIES.

Got "Double A" in Edison Test. Now Wins a Bride.

Added to List of Victims Of Knickerbocker Crash



Second assistant postmaster general who died from injuries received when

#### **Second Assistant Postmaster** General, Wife and Daughter Were Injured.

at Walter Reed Hospital from injur ies received in the Knickerbocker Theater disaster Saturday night. Mr. Shaughnessy's death brings the toll

Wife and Daughter Injured, Mrs. Shaughnessy, recovering from five broken ribs, received at the same time her husband was injured, was notified at 7:30 o'clock this morning at Emergency Hospital of the death of her husband, bearing up bravely under the crushing blow. The tenyear-old daughter, Ruth, is at the With Mr. Shaughnessy at the time

2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the chapel at 1300 N street northwest. The Post Office Department will be closed at 2 o'clock Saturday, Chief Clerk Mooney announced.

#### Flage at Half-Staff.

went over with them the architect's the photograph shown on page 2 of plans for the building, and there was a general discussion, he stated, of what was shown by the physical features as shown plainly as forming greater pordisclosed by the ruins. He said they itin of wall. A close inspection of endeavored to reach a decision as to whose the reach a decision as to the re

bert Work, first assistant postmaster

President Harding had shown constant concern over Mr. Shaughnessy's condition, and during the first few days following the accident had received steel columns and the rivets or bolts sheared, this fact would easily be ascertained, as the broken rivets or bolts would be easily discernible, but from the picture it does not look as though such a thing occurred."

following the accident had received encouraging reports through Brig. Gen. Sawyer, when it was hoped that Mr. Shaughnessy's tremendous resistive power would enable him to conquer death.

# Recommended Use of Marines.

Col. Shaughnessy, since coming to general, in charge of the railway mail service, had made several notable forsibility that non-anchored walls ward steps in bettering the postal

upon his suggestion that Postmaster General Hays recommended the use of General Hays recommended the use of the marines to the President. Col. Shaughnessy, had general oversight, of the placement of the marines upon mail cars, at terminals and post offices throughout the country, and it is held that his indefatiguable work along this line was largely instrumental in checking mail robberies.

The second assistant postmaster general was responsible for restoring the morale throughout the entire railway mail service, his success along this line being attested by the increased efficiency of the service, and the flood of telegrams of condolence which have poured into the department here from every organization of railway mail

every organization of railway mail clerks and operators. Headed Parcel Post Committee.

He was chief of the parcel post committee of the Post Office Department,

# CHINESE TREATIES BEING DRAFTED BY **ARMS DELEGATES**

Conference Expected Wind Up Work by Saturday or Monday.

#### OPEN SESSION EXPECTED AT END OF THIS WEEK

Envoys Make Plans to Sail for Homes-Powers to Exchange Notes on Treaty.

BY G. GOULD LINCOLN. The drafting of treaties dealing with China, discussion of the Chinese Eastern railway and possibly the wenty-one demands of Japan upon China are occupying the attention of the Washington conference today The conference has made all of its najor decisions. The Shantung quesion, handled contemporaneously with the conference, but apart from it, also is out of the way. Unless some unexpected snag is struck the conference will wind up its work Saturday or

#### Open Session Forecast.

which the Chinese treaties will be approved and possibly some other resolutions, was forecast today. The various treaties, including the naval limitation treaty, may be signed on Monday. If this program can be carried out Mr. Balfour, head of the British delegation, accompanied by others of that delegation, will leave Washter Were Injured.

Edward H. Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster general, died shortly after 6 o'clock this morning at Walter Reed Hospital from injur-

The four powers signing the Pacific treaty, the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, are to exchange notes with the governments of the Netherlands and Portugal, it Death came following paralysis of the upper bowel, which set in last night, being followed by sudden heart collapse about midnight. Mr. Shaughnessy suffered from a fractured pelvis and internal injuries, and had been kept alive only by two transfusions of blood from soldiers at the hospital.

The subcommittee on the Chinese Eastern railway today agreed on a resolution which will be submitted to the far east committee probably this afternoon. The resolution provides in a general way for care of the road, but leaves many details to be worked out through diplomatic channels.
It was explained, following a meeting of the subcommittee, that it would take many days to work out a complete plan, and that it was not desired to keep the

The Balfour resolution designed to prohibit the exportation of arms to China probably will have to be abandoned, it was said today. The Italian delegation has proposed a reservation which caused Japan to follow suit. It unlikely that the conference will delayed in order to communicate with home governments further re-

Whinping Treaties Into Shape. The drafting committees have been whipping into shape the proposed nine-power treaty or treaties relating to China, which will be signed by all (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

# **GENOA DELEGATION**

#### Denies, However, Acceptance of Italian Invitation to Conference.

By the Associated Press. His was the idea of using the ma-rines to guard the mails, and it was upon his suggestion that Postmaster day.

The statement is in the form of a final passage. denial that Premier, Poincare had telegraphed yesterday to Premier nizant of the encroachment of builders Bonomi of Italy accepting his invita- on this property which is needed as a tion to the conference. The announce- part of the park system of the District ment reads: lished in certain newspapers, it is in- chase.

## SNOW-MOVING BILL PASSED BY SENATE

#### Penalty of \$25 Imposed for Failure to Clear Sidewalks.

The Senate this afternoon passed he bill of Senator Ball of Delaware requiring owners and tenants of property of the District of Columbia to remove snow from all paved sidewalks or suffer a penalty of \$25. The measure requires that the snow shall be removed within eight hours after the snow ceases to fall, or, in the event it ceases during the night, within the next eight hours of daylight.

As introduced. Senator Ball fixed the limit at four hours, and placed a Mine Workers to resist wage decreases, but stated that he was not yet ready to make known the government's policy.

"I am satisfied," he said, "that there is all the law necessary to do all that is needed in such an event and additional legislation would not be needed nor helpful."

Mine Workers to resist wage decreases, but stated that he was not yet ready to make known the government's policy.

"I am satisfied," he said, "that there is all the outside world until their task is done. The first ballot will probably not be taken before tomornow morning.

penalty of \$3 on those who failed to remove the snow, in addition to the expenses incurred by the District the expenses incurred by the District authorities in having it removed. On ecommendation of the Senate committee the Senate increased the time to eight hours and the penalty to \$25.

The measure requires the District YELD U.ZOPER LEN Commissioners to remove snow from trict and government property, and imposes on the chief of engineers of the United States Army the duty of removing snow from the walks and around government buildings.

Commissioners Will Act. In the event that an owner or ten ant fails to remove the snow, within the specified period, the District Commissioners are directed, under the terms of the bill as passed, to have the snow removed and to charge the same against the property, and re- property. quires the corporation counsel to su for the cost plus a penalty of \$35 for each offense.

In the case of ice formations on the pavements, the bill requires the placing of ashes or sand to make the walk safe. Several snow-an-ice removal laws in the District have moval laws in the District have been thrown out by the courts, and the present measure is written, it was said, to cover objections made by the courts to the other laws which were before them.

Suggested as Lien. Suggested as Lies.

Senator Jones of Washington suggested to the Senate that the cost of removal of the snow from pavements in front of private property, when it had to be done by the Commissioners, should be made a lien against the property. He said, however, that he would not push that point now for the reason that he did not want to jeopardize the bill but not want to jeopardize the bill, but expressed the hope that the House of Representatives would take cognizance of this feature. The measure now goes to the House.

#### BALL INTRODUCES BILL FOR PROPOSED PARKS

Would Purchase Land in Klingle Road and Piney Branch Valleys

PARIS. February 2.—France will be officially represented at the international economic and financial conference in Genea, it was announced to day.

The assurance of France's attendance was given in a communique from the foreign office, which does not say in so many words that France will be represented, but lets it be understood that she is already committed as a member of the supreme council.

The statement is in the committee and pushed to commission.

The analy for violation of the cardinals. Penalty for violation of this way are not allowed to come to the attention of the cardinals. Penalty for violation of this with four tickets for 25 cents, would yield 6.556 per cent on said fair with four tickets for 25 cents, would yield 6.556 per cent on said fair with four tickets for 25 cents, would yield 6.556 per cent on said fair we have accordingly submit that the fact of fare of 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would yield 6.556 per cent on said fair we accordingly submit that the fact of fare proposed in the commission's order No. 429, 5 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present conditions a rate of fare of 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present conditions a rate of fare of 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present conditions a rate of fare of 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present conditions a rate of fare of 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present conditions a rate of fare of 7 cents cash, with four tickets for 25 cents, would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present would be entirely unreasonable and confiscatory, and that under present conditions a rate of fare of 7 cents cash, with four ti

Members of the committee are cogof Columbia, and realize the need of "Contrary to the announcement pub- haste in making provision for its pur-

lished in certain newspapers, it is inexact that the French government made known yesterday by a telegram addressed to Rome that she accepted the invitation to participate in the conference at Genoa.

"As the premier explained in the chamber of deputies, Premier Bonomi, in convoking the conference, merely executed the decision taken at Cannes by the allied powers, including France. It is in the name of the supreme council that he sent the invitations and it was also at Cannes that the program was adopted.

"Therefore, there is no occasion for the French government to give formal acceptance on either point."

In political circles, it was explained that the communique was intended to establish that France was intended to establish that France was already bound under former Premier Briand's action at the Cannes conference of the supreme council.

#### DAUGHERTY PREPARING FOR BIG COAL STRIKE

CARDINALS MEET

TO ELECT A POPE

Vote Unexpected Before To-

morrow—Two Days of Bal-

loting Predicted.

Italian government, is understood to

By the Associated Press.

premises.

Attorney General Says Plans Are Being Made to Cope With Plans of the government to cope

with the situation which might arise in the event of a strike of coal miners when the present agreements expire at the end of next month are being worked out by the Department of Justice, it was indicated today by Attorney General Daugherty. The Attorney General said he was closely watching conditions in the coal industry as they developed, as well as the proposed junction of the

railroad workers with the United

Mine Workers to resist wage de-

#### Hamilton Asks 8 Per Cent for Traction Company—Ham Opposes Cut on W. R. & E.

The Capital Traction Company admitted before the Public Utilities Commission today that a continuation of the present fare during 1922 would yield that company more than a reasonable return on the value of the property.

Cardinal Vanutelli, dean of the sacred died and preparations for some official manifestation of sympathy in the cardinals, the officers of the Swiss guards and the members of the Vatican household.

A photographer who contrived to gain entrance to the chapel was ejected, taken to the commissariat of the Vatican and later expelled from the property.

Cardinal Vanutelli, dean of the sacred died and preparations for some official manifestation of sympathy in the expressions of disapproval from the opposition party.

It is presumed by Italians here that if the ministry resigns it will result, as is customary, from an adverse vote official information has been received

In a statement filed with the commission when the rate hearing was resumed this morning George E. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction, contended the company should be allowed to carn 8 per cent on fair value of the property. The statement disclosed, however, that the existing fare of five tokens for 35 cents, if continued throughout this year, would yield 10.26 per cent on the valuation.

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Traction. Contended the company should be allowed to carn 8 per cent of five tokens for 35 cents, if continued throughout this year, would yield 10.26 per cent on the valuation.

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it will produce an operating income papers, causing the smoke to assume amounting to 10.26 per cent on fair a dark color. When a choice is finally made the ballots, burning alone, emit

#### Five-Cent Cash Fare Opposed.

"A rate of fare of 5 cents cash and cents charge for all transfers. which, in accordance with the commission's order, will go into effect on 250 persons in the Vatican and the and after March 1, 1922, unless other- outside is through the "rota," or turnwise ordered, will yield 3.03 per cent ing box, at the entrance of the courton our fair value, as found by the yard, and such communications as are commission.

that should be considered.

"We, furthermore, desire to reiterate the position taken by us at previous fare hearings that different rates of fare on the lines of this company and those of the Washington Railway and Electric Company would be extremely detrimental to the interests of the pub-fic as well as the interests of this com-

tinued on Page 4, Column 3.)

# Minister's Internal and Foreign

By the Associated Press. ROME, February 2.—The Italian government of Premier Bonomi has

Premier Bonomi announced the resignation of the cabinet in the ing to discuss the situation created by the attitude of the parliament, the government's decision to resign was reached,

day found itself in a precarious sitparliament. The democrats, upon

#### Forecasts had indicated that the Bonomi ministry's internal and foreign polices would be attacked when parliament assembled today. A sharp dispute has arisen over the government's attitude toward the Vatican Some sections of parliament were blaming the government for the fact

#### ACTION BRINGS SURPRISE

#### The balloting is not expected to Arms Parley Delegates See Resig onsume more than two days and the nation Over Vatican

The decision of the Italian cabinet to resign, as reported in Rome by the acred college. Neither the "irrecon- semi-official Stefani Agency, came as

Spokesmen for the delegation, in the have a chance to elect its candidate, absence of more information, were the moderates holding the balance of bower.

The celebration of mass in the SisThe celebration of mass in the Sistine Celebration of mass in the Sistine Chapel, with prayers for the enlightenment of the cardinals in their choice of a new Pope, was the last public ceremony attended by the cardinals before entering the conclave. Cardinal Vanutelli, dean of the sacred college, officiated.

The celebration of mass in the Sisting present the opinion that it the ministry is obliged to withdraw it may be on account of its policy in connection with the Vatican. The attitude of the government in placing the Italian flag at half-staff when Pope Benedict died and preparations for some official manifestation of sympathy in the chamber of dentities had because the fact.

by the Italian representatives here.

#### Opinion Held That Cardinal Gasparri Has Best Chance.

LONDON, February 2.—The Rome correspondent of the Times tele-graphs that when the numerous opinions as to who will succeed Pope Benedict are sifted the names which stand out are those of Cardinals Gasvaluation.

Mr. Hamilton refrained from stating exactly what fare the commission should fix for his company, but he did say it should not be lower than 7 cents cash or four tokens for 25 cents. Discussing the future rate of fare, Mr. Hamilton's petition read:

"If the present rate of fare is continued for the year 1922 we estimate it will produce an operating income."

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"If the present rate of fare is continued for the year 1922 we estimate it is probably safer to mention no its probably safe it is probably safer to mention no names at all, but emphasizes that no cardinal, with the exception of Gasparri, stands much chance for election.

#### Until the election the only commu nication between the approximately made in this way are not allowed to

a thin wisp of light smoke.

Penalty for Breaking Secrecy.

tense of the Washington Railway and Electric Company would be extremely detrimental to the interests of the publicas well as the interests of the publicas well as the interests of this company.

\*\*Maryland Lines Show Descit.\*\*

Mr. Hamilton's petition shows that the two short lines of the Capital Traction Company running in Maryland showed a deficit last year of \$8.336.76. The petition states that the company does not regard this as a burden upon the car riders of the District, for the reason that without these Maryland feeders there would be a considerable reduction in District revenues.

Mr. Ham, in his testimony yesterday, figured that the Washington Railway and Electric Company would carry two million fewer persons in 1912 than last year. The Capital Traction Company.

(Cantinued on Page 4, Column 3.)

\*\*Energy Would the public ded menus for today, tomorrow and Staturday.

Others who believed the election ray and the infavor of a caused the death of Miss Paryland that there was therefore nothing to do but choose a man who when the jury was locked up for the night, it returned to the curitons.

Rappe.

Twice before it o'clock last night, Rappe.

Twice caused the election ray when the jury was locked up for the interest of the cardinal Eappend of certain testimony read and once to ask further instructions from the curt. The original instructions when court on ab Cantinued on Page 2. Column x 1

# ROME CABINET OUT FOLLOWING CLASH OVER THE VATICAN Government of Premier Bo-

nomi Resigns as Italian Parliament Convenes. CATHOLIC PARTY FIRM

# IN FACE OF OPPOSITION

### Policies Had Been Under Fire. Attitude on Pope Assailed.

decided to resign, the semi-official Stefani Agency announces.

chamber of deputies this afternoon. The cabinet council met this mornsays the statement, and as a result The ministry at an early hour to-

uation as it faced the convening of which the government had counted for 150 votes, had passed to the op-position over night, while the fascisti and the nationalists maintained their strong opposition. The Catholic party remained firm for Premier Bonomi, however, as did also his own small group of reform socialists. Ministry's Policies Attacked.

# ROME. February 2.—The conclave of the sacred college, which is to choose a successor to Pope Benedict XV, began its sattings today. The fifty-two cardinals who are in Rome went-into seclusion last night, and when the great oak barrier at the entrance of the courtyard of St. Damazo was closed they were cut off from communication with the outside world until their task is done. The first hells will balance the government's side, while the conflict between the fascisti and the communists was another.

next Pope, in the consensus of opinion Be the Associated Press. in Vatican' circles, will come from among the moderate section of the

cilables" nor the "peace party," a considerable surprise to the Italian which favors closer relations with the arms conference delegation.

## CHOICE LIES BETWEEN SIX.

By the Associated Press.

He quotes "a very well informed He quotes "a very well informed quarter" as saying that either Mgr. Cerretti, papal nuncio in Paris, or Mgr. Pacelli, nuncio in Berlin, would succeed Gasparri as secretary of state. The fact that neither of them is a cardinal will not create a precedent, as Merry Del Val was not a cardinal when Pius X appointed him

#### ARBUCKLE JURY STILL UNABLE TO FIND VERDICT

Ask for Reading of Some Notes and Further Instructions—Trial Closes as Defense Declines Argument.

By the Associated Preswhen Pope Benedict was elected, Cardinal O'Connell may arrive in Rome too late to participate in the conclave.

The confidence that the conclave would be of short duration is shared by Cardinal Gasparri, who in making provisions yesterday for the sustenance of the cardinals only provided menus for today, tomorrow and Saturday.

By the Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO. February 2.—The case of Roscoe C. Arbuckle today for the second time was in the hands of a jury. The trial closed unexpectedly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the defense declined to present arguments after the state's opening address. Arbuckle is accused of having caused the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

BERLIN. February 1.—Charles Lourent, the French ambassador to Germany, who had intended to leave today for Paris, was requested by
Premier Poincare to remain at his
post and demand explanation from
G......y concerning reparat.